DUEL TO DEATH WITH A BURGLAR

Wealthy Pittsburger Killed in His Own House

THE MANY CRIMES ALARM CITY.

Henry Firth Smith Shot to Death by Burglar He Surprised in the Act of Robbing His Father's House—Evidence of a Desperate Battle Before the Burglar Got Away.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Henry Firth Smith, 25 years old, son of Jos. Smith, a prominent and wealthy business man of this city, was shot twice and almost instantly killed at 4 o'clock Sunday morning by a burglar whom he surprised in the dining-room of his father's residence, in the east end section of the city.

The crime, following a little more than a week after the murder of James A. McMillen, another wealthy business man of this section, has aroused the city, and, with a number of holdups by highwaymen during the past fortnight, city officials have been importuned for 150 more policemen to suppress the wave of crime.

That a desperate battle took place between young Smith and the burglar is evident from the disordered condition of the dining-room and kitchen of the Smith home. In addition to the two bullets which were found to have entered Smith's body, five other balls were found lodged in the doors and walls of the two rooms. Three cartridges of Smith's revolver had been discharged.

Neighbors adjacent to the Smith home heard the shots and ran to their windows, but say they saw no one running from the house. Hundreds of dollars' worth of silverplate had been gathered together by the burglar, who apparently had been in the house sometime before being heard by young Smith.

The young man's father and mother were awakened by the sound of the shots, and rushed down stairs to find their son on the kitchen floor, with two bullet holes in his body.

The entire police and detective forces are working on the case, but so far no clue has been discovered.

Every policeman in the East End district reported in civilian clothes. Superintendent of Police McQuaide issued an order that any person acting in the least suspicious manner was to be sent to the police station for examination.

Another holdup was reported to the police Sunday. Miss Isabelle Livingston, sister of the chief ordinance officer of this city, was held up by a negro near her home, which is a short distance from the Smith residence. The negro held a revolver at her head until he took her purse and then disappeared.

THE STUDENTS LEAVE

Centenary College Forced To Close Its Doors.

New Orleans, La. (Special).—Centenary College, at Jackson, La., has closed its doors permanently in consequence of the feuds in the faculty, the resignation of its president, who is still lying in a critical condition from wounds inflicted by a professor of physics in a fight, and the withdrawal of all its students.

The college was the oldest in Louisiana, having been founded in 1825 as the Louisiana State College. It failed, and soon afterward passed into the hands of the Methodists, who named it Centenary College, in honor of the centennial of Methodism.

The college was prosperous in its earlier days and among its distinguished graduates were Jefferson Davis, president of the Southern Confederacy; Judah P. Benjamin, secretary of State of the Confederacy, and most of the prominent Methodist clergymen of the Southwest. Bishop Keener was for many years its president.

The building will probably be used as an annex for the overflow of the State insane asylum, which is also situated at Jackson, near the college.

MURDERED AND HOME ROBBED.

Woman Found With Her Throat Cut And Head Battered.

Stafford Springs, Ct., (Special).—Mrs. Henry Williams, about 50 years old, was found murdered in her home, near here. Robbery, apparently, was the motive, and the murderer is believed to be a tramp. The body of Mrs. Williams was found lying near a stove on the floor of the kitchen of her home, with the throat cut, head battered and a towel twisted around the neck. Near the body lay a knife and a club.

The woman died after a hard struggle with her assailant, who, it is thought, struck her down with a club and then cut her throat after which the towel was wound about her neck.

Following the murder the man made a systematic search for money, for the house was thoroughly ransacked and a trunk in an upstairs room was broken open and about $100 in money taken from it. Part of the money, later, was found on the lawn in front of the house.

The husband of the murdered woman, who had been away from home, discovered the body.

The Currency Problem.

Washington (Special).—The currency committee of the American Bankers' Association, appointed in pursuance to a resolution adopted at the St. Louis meeting, will assemble here this week to discuss a plan for a more elastic banking currency. The committee will consider various propositions. It is expected that Secretary Shaw and Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely will address the meeting before the final adjournment.

Burglars Were Foiled.

Hillsboro, Tex. (Special).—While attention was directed to two fires in the outskirts of the city Sunday morning, the hardware store of Smith & Thomas, in the business center of Hillsboro, was dynamited and partly wrecked by robbers. After an exchange of shots, in which no one was injured, Walter Jeffries, of Werth, was arrested in the building where the explosion occurred. The fires destroyed the lumber yards of Ole Wilkerson and several small buildings, causing a loss of $40,000.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.

The president of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company secured an injunction from the court at Frankfort, Ky., restraining the State Commissioner from revoking the company's license to do business in the Kentucky field.

Frederick Schaffhauser, a civil engineer, was shot and fatally wounded in the City Hall of Philadelphia by Frederick Homberger, a pumping station employe, who accused the engineer of wrecking his home.

Miss Nellie O'Reilly, an opera singer, was awarded $15,000 damages in a breach of promise suit against Dennis Sweeney, a wealthy resident of Long Island.

An inspection of work on the Panama Canal by the combined mercantile organizations of the United States is proposed.

Five incendiary night fires in the heart of New York caused a panic among thousands and death of a woman from shock.

John Price Wetherill, of Philadelphia, who amassed a fortune in zinc, died in Philadelphia.

New York detectives found a child who had been chained to a cornerib for a year and a half.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the pay of all employes from 5 to 10 per cent.

The special federal grand jury convened in Minneapolis, Minn., to examine into the alleged rebating system in use by railroads, and returned 147 indictments. The minimum penalty in each case is $1,000 and the maximum $2,000.

In a shooting affair at Money, Miss., J. J. Emerson, a prominent merchant and planter, was instantly killed by A. J. Moore, a brother of United States Senator Money. Money was also shot, but is not seriously wounded.

A powder magazine owned by the E. I. Du Pont Company and situated at Tinley Park, near Chicago, exploded with such force that window panes were broken in the home of the Midlothian Club, three miles distant.

A receiver was appointed in Atlanta for the North German Fire Insurance Company of New York, which was crippled by the San Francisco fire.

Proceedings were instituted in Scranton, Pa., against three railroad companies for failing to have the required safety appliances on trains.

Tulic Larrinaga, Unionist candidate for commissioner, of Porto Rico to the United States Congress, was elected by a majority of 42,000.

The switchmen accepted the offer of the managers of the Western roads for an increase of three cents an hour in wages.

Eighty girls, hemmed in by fire and smoke in a New York factory, were led to safety by the coolness of a policeman.

Watson Raine, an engineer at Proctor's Theater, New York, refuses to quit work though he has a legacy of $80,000.

Miss Lucille McLeod, accused in Chicago of killing William T. Newmann, was married to Fred H. Menhard.

Herbert G. Squires, the new United States minister to Panama, was received in audience by President Amador.

One thousand coopers went on strike in Chicago, asking for a wage increase of three cents per barrel.

A statue of Gen. Peter Gansevoort, the defender of Fort Stanwix, was unveiled in Rome, N. Y.

A dynamite explosion occurred in Carrick, near Pittsburg, Pa. Two men were killed and seven hurt.

The Unionist party carried all seven election districts in Porto Rico, leaving the Republicans without representatives in the next House of Delegates. The election was very orderly.

Foreign.

M. Briand, French minister of public worship, announced in the Chamber of Deputies that the government would give the clericals another year of toleration, and that the churches would not be closed next month.

Prince Albert, of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold, has been declared successor of the King as sovereign of the Congo Independent State.

Karl Hau, of Washington, D. C., is still held in London on charge of murdering his wife's mother, Frau Schiller, at Baden-Baden.

Count Castellane's creditors are trying their utmost to prevent the granting of a divorce until their case is settled.

James M. James, of New York, who is studying trades unionism in Australia, was arrested in St. Petersburg.

Lord Edward of England celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth.

Agitation in Italy against the action of the government in placing an order for armor plate for a warship, valued at $1,000,000, with the Midvale Steel Company of Pennsylvania has assumed a serious phase.

The Russian government is negotiating with other governments with the view of concluding supplementary treaties covering fugitives accused of the preparation of explosives or bombs.

At a meeting of the leading members of the Liberal party in Paris it was decided to appoint a committee to express to the Governor the party's dissatisfaction with recent appointments.

Prince Joachim of Prussia has been ordered to German Southwest Africa for daring to oppose the Emperor's wishes in threatening to marry Marie Sulzer, the concert hall singer.

A newspaper in Lubeck, Germany, states that a German steamer, Jan Minloo, with a cargo of explosives for the Russian government, was fired upon by a Russian cruiser.

For instigating a revolt of the garrison of Odessa the two revolutionary leaders have been exiled to Siberia, and eight others to hard labor for four years.

Karl Strau, a Washington attorney, was arraigned on extradition proceedings in London, charged with murdering his sister-in-law, in Germany.

Emperor William, is visiting the country seat of Prince von Eulenberg, leader of the court clique opposing Chancellor von Buelow.

Terrorists derailed a train on the Vienna-Warsaw road, killed several soldiers and got away with a large sum of money.

Italy is trying to compromise a German-Servian quarrel which threatens a rupture, involving France and Austria.

DERAIL MAIL CAR WITH BOMBS AND LOOT IT

First Kill The Gendarmes and Place Sentinels.

MARCH OFF IN MILITARY ORDER.

Three Three Bombs at the Mail Car While Engines Were Being Changed, Derailed the Car, Robbed It and Fled With a Sum of Money Said to Amount to $650,000.

Rognow, Russian Portland, (By Cable).—The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionist train robbers numbering a hundred well-armed men, who at 9 o'clock P. M., surrounded this station, threw three bombs at the mail car of a train while engines were being changed, derailed the car, robbed it and fled with a sum of money now said to amount to $650,000.

Laid Their Plans Well.

The station-master declares the revolutionists hid in the neighboring forests and were excellently disciplined, their commander giving orders through bugle signals. When the robbery was completed the revolutionists transported their booty to two wagons and marched off in military order, singing Socialistic songs.

Eye-witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods, and when the train stopped the men armed with rifles, sprang up on all sides.

Shot The Gendarmes.

Quickly executing the orders conveyed by the bugle, the gendarmes standing in front of the station were shot and killed, and the revolutionists placed sentinels at all the approaches and cut the telegraph wires.

While some men overpowered the trainmen other attacked the escorts of the mail car.

Of the three bombs thrown, two exploded with such force that wheels of the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers and mortally wounding 11 others.

Marching Off In Military Order.

The revolutionists then ransacked the mail car, transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to their own bags, and, unfolding the red flag, formed up a military order, marched out of the station, entered wagons, which were in waiting in the forest, and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks, hurriedly sent for, appeared on the scene and started in pursuit of the revolutionists.

Rogow is now occupied by troops.

Tried To Catch A Bomb.

The railroad station was practically destroyed by the revolutionists, who poured in regular volleys, the walls being pitted by hundreds of bullet marks. One of the mail clerks endeavored to catch the first bomb thrown at the car, but it exploded and tore off both his arms.

The authorities officially admit the loss of only $14,000 in cash besides the unknown contents of the registered letters.

The wounded men have been sent to Warsaw by special train.

A Sad Double Tragedy.

Hatboro, Pa., (Special).—After stabbing his wife nine times with an awl, leaving her in a dying condition at her home, at Pulaski, a small village near here, Walter Yerkes committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .32 calibre revolver. The double tragedy occurred a few moments after the family had left the breakfast table, and was witnessed by several children of the couple. The fact that Walter Yerkes is the son of Squire Joseph B. Yerkes, of this place, was sufficient to turn the entire population out in order to learn the details of the crime.

Has Not Resigned.

Washington (Special). — Senor Montagna, the Charge of the Italian Embassy here, while at the State Department Thursday, denied the report that Ambassador Mayor Des Planches had resigned, and stated that he expected the Ambassador to return to his post from the United States soon.

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Alexandria, Va. (Special).—William A. Fuller, 14 years old, of Washington, who was employed as a car inspector in the Union freight yards here, was instantly killed by a Southern Railway engine a mile north of this city. He was terribly mangled.

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Worcester, Mass. (Special).—Robert L. Hunter, of Roxbury, Mass., aged 15 years, was sentenced by Judge H. E. Hitchcock in Superior Criminal Court to not less than six nor more than eight years in state prison for stabbing to death his friend, Charles H. LaCrosse, here June 25. He is a nephew of James P. Tinlity, the millionaire Boston contractor.

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DEATH IN TENEMENT PANIC

Mother and Four Children Die In The Flames.

New York (Special).—Penned in by fire, four children and one woman were burned to death in a tenement house fire on the lower East Side.

When finally the blaze had been extinguished and the firemen could penetrate to the building the bodies of the victims, charred beyond possibility of recognition, were found in the ruins.

The fire started on the second floor of the five-story tenement at 366 Madison Street. The building is the oldest type of tenement-house construction, with narrow halls and stairs and lots of seasoned wood work. Beginning in some rubbish near the stairs, the fire spread rapidly through the hall and was soon licking its way through the upper floors.

Most of the 15 families in the building were at supper, and there was the widest kind of excitement. Policemen were on the scene immediately, and as soon as the firemen arrived helped them in carrying women and children from the upper floors down the fire escapes and ladders.

More than 50 women were taken down the fire escape by firemen. When the firemen arrived on the roof they found that they turned a deluge of water into the upper floors but a few minutes made little headway in extinguishing the flames. When finally they had the fire out the search for the dead was undertaken.

Only on the second floor did the search reveal bodies. There, huddled in a corner of the hall, the police found the body of a woman burned to a crisp, and nearby in a group, the remains of four children.

HAVE NO SPIES IN JAPAN.

General Staff Not Seeking Information In This Way.

Washington (Special).—Officers of the general staff of the Army endeavor to keep the country supplied with plans and other information relative to the defenses of Japan had been made recently by agents of this country. While the best-informed military officials resent the idea that war with Japan is among the possibilities of the future, they assert most emphatically that the general staff has not had military spies in Japan, such as it is evident Japan has had in the Philippines.

It was explained at the War Department that the function of the general staff is to make preliminary plans for war with all possible enemies of the country, but it is unquestionably true that the general staff has considered plans for military operations against Japan, but it is equally true that such plans have been made in connection with those for England, Germany, France, Italy and practically all the countries of consequence in the world.

It is the duty of the general staff to gather military information about all countries and Japan has not been left out of the calculations of this body any more than have the other warlike powers of the world.

A Family Asphyxiated.

Leighton, Pa. (Special).—Coal gas fumes caused the death of Harry Bowman, 23 years old, on Sept. 29, and a little girl of 10, at their home on South Second Street. It is believed that the child in the stove which supplied the sleeping apartments with heat and that the fatal coal gas entered their bedchamber and killed them in their sleep.

Curzon Rumor Unfounded.

London (By Cable).—In connection with the rumors from America that Lord Curzon, the ex-Viceroy of India, is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as Ambassador of Great Britain at Washington, the Foreign Office here says there is absolutely no foundation for the report.

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THE PRESIDENT OFF FOR CANAL ZONE

"Going To See How The Ditch Is Getting Along."

SECRET SERVICE MEN THERE.

A Distinguished Gathering at the Navy Yard to See the President Off on His Unique Expedition—At the White House There Was a Contest Among the Roosevelt Children.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—"Good-by. I am going down to see how the ditch is getting along." shouted President Roosevelt as he stood on the after starboard deck of the yacht Mayflower at the Washington Navy Yard as the vessel was leaving the dock with the President for his Panama trip.

Accompanying the President were Mrs. Roosevelt and her maid; Surgeon General Rixey, of the Navy, and M. C. Latta, one of the assistant secretaries at the White House. The Mayflower took the party to Wolf Trap light, at the mouth of the Rappahannock River, in Chesapeake Bay, where a transfer was made to the Battleship Louisiana, which is to convey the President to and from the isthmus.

When the President steps ashore at Colon it will be the first instance in the history of the republic where the president of the United States has put his foot on foreign soil during his incumbency of office. The canal zone, which is held to be foreign soil, but Colon is outside the zone, as is also the City of Panama, where the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be the guests of the President Amador, of the Panama Republic. Besides Mr. Roosevelt, the party which left on the trip are Rear Admiral Rixey, surgeon general of the Navy, and Assistant Secretary Latta. The President expects to be absent from Washington winding up affairs of state before his departure.

Root On The Lid.

While he is away Secretary Loeb will be in charge at the White House, and Secretary Root will occupy the seat "on the lid," usually held by Secretary Taft when the President is away on an extended trip.

Despite the fact that the President is afloat, he will be in close communication with affairs at Washington. The Louisiana has been fitted up with the most complete wireless telegraph apparatus available, and Lieutenant Evans, of the Navy, has been detailed by the secretary of war in charge of the instruments aboard the vessel. He will communicate from time to time with the wireless station at Arlington on the east end of the Long Bridge. The White House will be kept advised of the President's movements.

There was quite an effecting family scene as the President and his wife drove away, for all the children except Kermit were home to say good-by. Theodore, Jr., and Quentin, from Harvard and Ethel came in from the fashionable school to which the last of their parents. The President spent the morning at his office and quite a number of officials and friends came to say goodby. The members of the Cabinet dropped in during the morning. Colonel Bromwell, the President's military aide, and Lieutenant Commander Key, the President's naval aid, drove up in automobiles just before the President started and wished him "bon voyage."

SUICIDE COSTS THREE LIVES.

A Girl, Disappointed In Love, Turns On Gas.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—Because she had been disappointed in a love affair, Miss Josephine Joseph, 25, took to kill herself by turning on the gas in a room at the German Hospital. In the adjoining room, were three other girls. Two of them are dead and the other lying at a point of inhaling the gas fumes. The girl who desired to die will recover.

At the Larrabee Police Station her lover is held prisoner pending a rigid investigation by the police.

All the girls were employed at the hospital. At night they attended a party and returned late, letting themselves into the apartment with a night key.

Miss Mirai girl had met her faithless lover at the party, and it is supposed she was so discouraged after talking with him that she went home minded to end her life. She is yet in the condition that she cannot give a connected story of the tragedy. Barring the accidental discovery of the girls in the hospital smelled gas and finally broke into the room, two of the girls were then dead and Miss Joseph was beyond resuscitation. By hard work Miss Mirai was revived and admitted that she had let the windows and shut the doors and turned on the gas with the intention of killing herself. She had hoped the other girls would be asphyxiated by the smell of gas in time to escape.

Bridge Tender Responsible.

Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—After a stormy scene, lasting several hours, the coroner's jury agreed to place the blame for the Thorough-fare bridge disaster, Sunday, on Bridge Tender Stewart, the aged bridge-keeper. The jury disregarded on many points. According to the coroner, Stewart will be arraigned on the charge of criminal negligence.

New Hotel Collapses.

Long Beach, Cal., (Special).—The new Bixby being erected on the beach here was practically ruined by its own construction, and possibly a number of men are buried in the ruins. The building is of reinforced concrete. The whole structure caved in without warning from the basement to the fourth floor, leaving but one wing standing. Estimates of the number of dead range from 10 to 25.

Indian And Ballots Gone.

Reno, Nev. (Special).—Tom Bigfoot, an Indian runner, to whom the election ballots and returns of the Wonder Mining District were given Wednesday, has disappeared, and deputy sheriffs are scouring the country 40 miles east of Reno for him. Upon the returns rests the fate of the candidates for judge in the Second district and of several Churchill County candidates. It is believed that the Indian was intercepted and robbed of the returns, and that he fled to the hills for fear of prosecution.

FAVROT KILLS HIS FRIEND

Congressman-Elect Shoots His Life-time Comrade.

Baton Rouge, La. (Special).—Democratic Congressman-elect Judge Geo. K. Favrot, shot and instantly killed his lifelong associate and schoolmate, Dr. H. H. Aldrich, one of the best-known citizens of Baton Rouge. Hundreds of persons were near the scene of the shooting, but none knew what had passed between the two men. Judge Favrot refused to talk beyond letting it be known that the matter was a private quarrel.

The shot was fired in the Raymond building, opposite the Istrouma Hotel, out of which a crowd of society women was pouring, having just left a reception. Among them were the mother and sister of Judge Favrot.

Judge Favrot was arrested fix the building where he had held court.

Judge Favrot is 38 years old, and in the recent Democratic primaries he defeated for the nomination S R Roberson, who had been a representative in Congress for 20 years

Shot His Sweetheart.

Carlisle, Pa. (Special).—Carence Ilgenfits, aged 20 years, shot his sweetheart, Mary Katz, and then committed suicide. The shooting occurred in Dewyer, near here. Ilgenfits had been paying attention to the girl for several months, but because of his intemperate habits her father refused to marry him. Ilgenfits lay in wait for the girl and her grandmother as they were returning home from church. As they passed him the girl twice, one bullet entering her head back of the ear and another entering her left breast.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A panic was caused by the collision of the passenger steamer Maine and the steamer Seguranca in Hell Gate, the Maine being run on the mud flats to prevent her sinking.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has won a decision that it may run its trains through Hagerstown over the Pennsylvania at a speed greater than 10 miles an hour.

Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad elected J. T. Harahan president, to succeed Stuyvesant Fish.

United States Senator Depew is reported to have regained his health and will resume his duties next month.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will increase the wages of 145,000 employes 10 per cent. on December 1.

John Adam, of Chicago, recovered his 13-year-old daughter Lucy by dint of zipsies in Massachusetts.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Union may arbitrate the demand for more wages.

Almost 500 houses were burned at Shamcon, the island suburb of Canton, China, and the losses aggregate $1,000,000.

The liabilities of McFadyen & Co., bankers, of London, are reported at $2,-250,000.

Seven nationalist workmen were shot down by socialists at Lodz, Poland.

Kingsland, a New York automobilist, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in Chateaudun, France, for running over and killing an old woman.

Herr von Podbielski, German minister of agriculture, has resigned.

The crew of the Norwegian bark Corona, which was wrecked off the New Brunswick coast, are believed to be lost.

An imperial edict providing for the reorganization of the Chinese government was published in the official gazette.

Nothing came of the attempt last year to raise in Balaklava Bay the British steamship Harmonia, the treasure during the Crimean war, the Russian Admiralty officials at Sebastopol having secured the contract for thawing up the treasure to the Russian salvage syndicate.

The Nawab of Bahawalpur, the principal Mohammedan ruler of Northern India, is going on a pilgrimage to Mecca with all the members of his family and both wives and a majestic retinue. Considerable political significance attaches to this pilgrimage.

On the railways of continental Europe there is said to be declined there is no miscellaneous scrambling for meals. Instead a record goes through the train or boat and lists of the people who want to eat. Each gets a number and this insures a sense of order and no delay.

Virginia has found it necessary to pass a law declaring that for all 'equal purposes the words "railroad" and "railway" are to be considered synonymous.

FINANCIAL WORLD.

The Rockefeller contingent are reported to be buying Tennessee Coal.

It is denied that United States Steel will manufacture its Homestead armor plate plant.

American tobacco declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ on the common and an extra dividend of 1% per cent.

It seemed to be the consensus of opinion among leading conservative financiers that the time is not to buy bull market just yet.

Assistant Secretary of State Bacon retired from the Burlington directorate and J. T. Talmage was chosen to succeed him.

The Pennsylvania's increase in wages will effect 125,000 employes with 400 mean an extra outlay for the company of several millions annually.

Directors of the Merchants' National Bank, Philadelphia, declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. "out of profits of the past six months. This is called a dividend of 8 per cent. the first time in many years that one per cent. to 5 per cent. The dividend is payable on demand. The bank's capital is $500,000; surplus $600,000 and undivided profits $160,175.

Those who banked upon Hearst's defeat to send up the price of Brooklyn Rapid Transit were fooled. The price fell a couple of points, showing clearly that more and more the good effects had been fully discounted.

Poor's Manual shows that at the end of 1905 there were in the United States 215,562 miles of railroad which earned during the year $2,-112,000,000. There was paid in interest and dividends on rental $644,-000,000. The total capitol stock is $6,741,000,000 and the bonded debt is $7,821,000,000, which, along with other liabilities, make a total of $15,568,000,000.

THE BACHELOR'S CHILD.

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...dron of dew had been
...and o'er his heart a figure gleams—
...The little baby of his dreams!
—Baltimore Sun.

AT THE WRECK.

By AGNES LOUISE PROVOST.

...t there going to be a storm, Hugh! I guess there is, but I'd be glad if it would wait until...

...ch Isabel Trail stood in the ...t of the little life-saving station ...d surveyed the weather indi...with disapproving eye. A ...ind was blowing in from the ...ast, and the sky was overcast ...d patches of scrub

Out at sea it whipped the ...ers into ominous ...hitecaps; on shore the boom ...f wave striking the sand was ...an in the air. It seemed to have ...and the undertow which ...ack the swirling waters was ...ghty swifter. On the captain's ...as a huge beam, once part of a ...ship, which had been thrown ...young girl perched comfort...atching the head of the life-...ch and Will were running ...and they gave a shout as a rocket ...ed overhead.

"She's right off here!" Dick called back. "Captain Trail has two miles of line, and I'm sure he showed what he could do in this night, she would see that shipwrecked crew come ashore in the life-boat, in spite of the tumult of waves. She was almost crying with excitement as she looked at the dim figures of her father and the boys, and thought that they were making a generous hand to this fine work.

Another rocket went up from the distressed vessel, and Captain Trail sent up an answering signal from the life-saving station, announcing confidence that she was a three-masted schooner, and by her location must be bound for Boston with a cargo of lumber. Then began the long, hard, and exhausting work of getting the men on shore bent to their work. In the gloom their faces were stained with sand and blackened with coal. Captain Trail's orders showed him an entirely different man from the kind, good-natured sailor of the afternoon. One—two—three—four—five life-rockets were sent over the stern of the vessel, but each time the wind sent the rescuing line wide of its mark. Then the captain's face changed suddenly, and tossed the sixth life-rocket into the air, turning his attention to the hooked projectile which the life-saving mortar threw out. Perhaps that would do better.

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Suddenly the slender line was shot out over the waves, and Jean strained her eyes to follow it, but it was lost in the gloom. It fell short, and at the second trial the wind swung it back like a feather; but Captain Trail set his teeth and waited for a momentary lull in the storm. It was always a waiting place to her. Her host best for a few moments, and buried his rugged face in his hands to ward off. The station was isolated enough, and he enjoyed the girl's visits.

"Jean is away," he volunteered, "and I'm lonely, and there's no one but me and the Prices and Dick can get together in a hurry."

"We don't often have wrecks!" he said. "You don't often come enough to shore along here, only lose their bearings. 'Tain't like the days when I was young and ers, that was beat to pieces ...ds every four years ...d very soul on her drowned ...ld do it this night, she would see that her brother Dick pounded on her door.

"Hey, Jean! Did you hear the signal guns? What a wreck! We're going!"

"Oh, wait for me! I'll be there in two minutes! Do wait!"

"Well, you must hurry! We have work to do."

Dick bounded down the hall to complete his own hasty toilet, and Jean, with a girl's dreadful fear of storms, cast one more look at the vessel, but each time the wind sent the rescuing line wide of its mark. Then the captain's face changed suddenly, and tossed the sixth life-rocket into the air, turning his attention to the hooked projectile which the life-saving mortar threw out. Perhaps that would do better.

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